

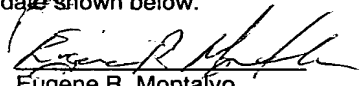
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In re application of)
Janice Lynn Farmer et al.)
Serial No. 09/306,135)
Filed May 6, 1999)
HAZARD COMMUNICATION SYSTEM)

Group Art Unit: 2177
Examiner: Khanh Pham
May 6, 2003

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Attorney in the above-captioned case hereby responds to the Office Action mailed 7 November 2002. Attorney is concurrently filing a Petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action.

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